

Greene Callier CHANDLER

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On the 13th day of July, 1855, our paternal grandfather, Greene Callier CHANDLER, then twenty-six years of age, and residing at Marion, Lauderdale county, Mississippi, began what he evidently intended would be a family history.

The title that he gave to his all to brief manuscript in a leather bound book has been contracted and adopted for this continuation and expansion of his plan. At intervals, more was written by him, but not transcribed in the book, and, as I knew him well during my early boyhood, I have interested myself in gathering all the material obtainable, combining it with separate investigations of my own, believing that the family and connections would desire to preserve a record of the writings and the endeavors of the head of the line of CHANDLERS of which we are members. The reader will observe the difficulty of putting together the collected data so as to present a chronological, readable account, and the differences in diction and style are explained by the necessity, sometimes, of using the language of others in supplying connecting facts not recorded by the first author.

Much valuable assistance has been given me by Greene CHANDLER FURMAN, another grandson, who has searched the records in Washington, and has made excellent suggestions for improvements of the text.

Walter CHANDLER

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Ancestry and Early Days

Most persons receive traditional accounts of their progenitors which generally interest none but themselves, and when they have been so undistinguished and unknown as to leave no written history of their deeds, the records must be fragmentary. Especially true is this of my own family.

While the name is by no means humble, the story of our branch is not historic, and this narrative is not written to assert any "claim to fame".

The name CHANDLER is said to have been taken from the word candler, meaning a candle maker. Of extremely remote origin, the name is found on ancient records in the varying forms of CANDLER, CHANLER, CHANDLER, CHANDERE, CHADDELER and CHAUNDELER. Whether the humble candlemakers graduated into the great artisans who constructed the magnificent chandeliers in the places of the old world, the occupation was the worthy one of giving light for the use of mankind.

Records of the family in England indicate that the largest and probably the oldest of the families of the name will be found at Oare in the County of Wilts. Others have made their homes in the counties of Essex, Stratford, Suffol and Norfol since early days.

At the beginning of the seventeenth century, the name was widespread among the yeomanry and gentry of Great Britain, and many brave adventurers of the name CHANDLER were among the first emigrants to America.*

One of my paternal ancestors landed at Jamestown sometime after the colony of Virginia was established. From that time until about 1750 nothing is known of the family by the writer. In that year, Joel CHANDLER, our earliest known ancestor, was living in Lunenburg County, Virginia. When he migrated there, or whence he came, we do not know. History records that this county was a vast domain in the southern part of Virginia and was created in 1745, with favorable inducements to settlers, and that people flocked there from the entire colony of Virginia.

Joel CHANDLER

Joel CHANDLER was a tither in Lunenburg County in 1745, which meant that he was subject to be taxed for the payment of the cost of operating the county. In 1752, he and a son by the same name were listed as tithers, along with William CHANDLER, senior and junior. The name Joel CHANDLER appears again on the list of tithers for the year 1764. Evidently, his family had increased because he was chargeable with five tithes, indicating that there were several persons over the age of sixteen under his control. Samuel CHANDLER'S name appears with Joel in that year, and they are listed as owning 250 acres of land. James CHANDLER is also listed as a tither with 497 acres. The lists of tithers are not complete, and no records are available for intervening years.

The last year in which Joel CHANDLER'S name appears as a tither in Lunenburg County, Virginia, was 1769, when he was charged with three tithes. Afterward, he, with a large family, emigrated to South Carolina and settled in Greeneville District. Scarcely had he settled in the new colony when the struggle for independence began, and it was necessary for him to put aside the life of a farmer for the more hazardous one of the soldier. The colonies, oppressed to the last point of resistance, had raised the standard of liberty, and Joel CHANDLER was among the first to join the revolt. He rallied a company of patriots and, being placed at their head, did good service throughout the war in the South.

The records of South Carolina confirm what my father told me,

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that Joel CHANDLER was a member of Colonel WATERS' Regiment, and that his sons, John, Joseph, Obadiah, James, and Shadrack, served with him. He had the mortification of seeing two of his sons, Joseph and Obadiah, butchered by the swords of Tarleton's Calverymen, and narrowly escaped himself, having had his horse shot from under him.

Shadrack CHANDLER

Of the death of Joel CHANDLER, which did not occur until his Country had been liberated, I have no account. His son Shadrack was my grandfather. He served during the entire time of the Revolution as a Militiaman or a volunteer, and participated in several engagements with the enemy and was wounded. He was born in Lunenberg County, Virginia, in August, 1757, and was a resident of Newberry District, South Carolina, when he entered the service of the State under Captain James STYLES, Major GORDON, Colonel WATERS and General RICHARDSON. Later, he was drafted into the Continental Army and served under the same officers, except that they were under the command of General WILLIAMSON. His service included fights with the British near Augusta, Georgia, with the Creek Indians after the British were driven out, and with tories who were in great numbers in the State. For his service in the War of Independence, he received a pension late in life. He was a man of tried patriotism, strong mind, and of the most extraordinary physical development. Not over five feet in height and weighing over two hundred pounds without surplus flesh, his constitution seemed almost impregnable to disease and fitted for any endurance that the exigencies of war or of pioneer life might demand.

After the war, Shadrack CHANDLER Returned to Greeneville District or County, married and reared a family. Three of his sons, John, Obadiah and James, have been dead for many years. His other son Joel is probably dead, although I have no entirely reliable record of him. Shadrack's son William is my father, and he lives near me at the time of the beginning of this narrative.

Shadrack CHANDLER was a restless pioneer, never being content to remain in one community very long. With his family, he moved to Logan County, Kentucky, Robertson County, Tennessee, Washington County, Alabama, and Dekalb County, Georgia, where he died about 1840.

William CHANDLER

My father, William CHANDLER, was born in Greeneville District, South Carolina, on May 6, 1793. This was while George WASHINGTON was President, and before public schools were even dreamed of. While a boy, he was taken with his parents to Robertson County, Tennessee, by way of Logan County, Kentucky. The difficulties of that journey have been described to me by him, and it is nothing short of miraculous that they ever reached their destination. There were no well marked roads, and only one overland route across the northern part of Tennessee. Creek and Cherokee Indians infested the forests, food was painfully scarce, and disease inescapable. Travel was safe only in large parties with armed sentries on duty constantly watching for savages and other wild animals. Then the necessity for locating the land, felling trees, building the rudest types of houses, making fires and cooking food required the stoutest hearts and the most determined courage. Fortunately, my father was a vigorous boy and his father a man of iron.

On the second day of August, 1812, my father married Mary FITTS in Robertson County, Tennessee. She was the daughter of James FITTS and his distant cousin, Lucy FITTS, and was born on the 15th day of June, 1797, while her parents lived in Halifax County, Virginia. Her father dying shortly after she was born, her mother married Armstead OAKLEY, and my mother was brought to Robertson

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County, Tennessee, while still a child. In fact, she was only fifteen when she and my father, who was nineteen, were married, and the wedding took place against parental consent.

My father, imbued with the courage and patriotism of his forebears, joined the Tennessee Militia at Springfield when the War of 1812 broke out, volunteering in the company of Captain Gabriel MARTIN in May of that year. He was in Major Benjamin McNEECE'S regiment and served three months, being honorably discharged in August, 1812.

When General Andrew JACKSON began his expedition to Florida in 1814, my father's Militia Company, then in Colonel LOWRY'S regiment, was mustered into federal service, rendezvoused at Fayetteville, Tennessee, on September 2, 1814, and went to Pensacola, taking part in the capture of that place. Then, under the command of General John COFFEE, my father's regiment was sent to Mobile where, under the leadership of General James WINCHESTER, a bitter, unsuccessful battle was fought against the British. Thus, my father missed the famous Battle of New Orleans; and, the war already over, returned to Tennessee, where he was honorably discharged at Wilson Springs on April 10, 1815.

My father and mother had sixteen children, the eldest, a son named Plesant, being born in Robertson county, Tennessee, on January 20, 1814. Shortly after my father returned from the War of 1812, they removed to Giles County, Tennessee, where their first daughter, Emma, was born on April 16, 1816, and their son second, Merideth, was born on January 20, 1818.

Having become impressed with Alabama during his military service in and through that State, my father moved his family to Washington County, Alabama, where they lived for fifteen years, and where ten other children were born. The second daughter, Amelia, died in infancy, the third son, Martin, was born on November 2, 1820, and the fourth son named Daniel was born April 14, 1822. Then came three daughters, Temperance, born on April 1, 1824, Jane, fourth daughter, on September 8, 1825, Martha, fifth daughter, on September 15, 1827.

I was born on August 24, 1829, and was followed by a sister, Mary, the sixth daughter, on September 6, 1831, and by a brother, William, the sixth son, born on July 15, 1833.

My father and his family moved again in 1835, this time to Lauderdale County, Mississippi. In the new home, four other children were born - Joseph, seventh son, on January 13, 1835, Frances, seventh daughter on June 9, 1837; Joshua, eighth son, December 23, 1838, and Leonard, ninth son, on July 9, 1841.

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A Chandler Family

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Welcome to The Home Page of Frank, Alice, Chloe and Shane Chandler.

Our branch of the Chandler family began in America with John Chandler of Jamestown Colony, Virginia. Nine year old John arrived from England in 1610 aboard the ship Hercules in the company assembled and lead by Sir Thomas West, Lord Delaware, sometimes written De La Ware.

The Chandler family has spread from Virginia throughout the southeast and westward to Texas and California.

The earliest roots of our family are with the Johnstone Clan of Scotland. The Johnstone Clan is linked to my fathers maternal family Malpass.

We are interested in any information on the surnames Chandler, Leverett, Malpass, Vines, Doles and Inman.



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Family Photos

- [**Melissa Russell Vines**](#) (12 KB)
1838-1907 My 2nd great-grandmother
- [**Thomas Jefferson & Cora Blanche Chandler**](#) (38 KB)
Photograph probably made on their wedding day ca. 1910
- [**The children of Thomas Jefferson Chandler**](#) (39 KB)
The last Group photo of my father, Frank R. Chandler and his siblings
- [**Chloe Alice Chandler**](#) (14 KB)
My youngest daughter at age 9.
- [**Shane Paul Chandler**](#) (72 KB)

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The newest addition to my family.

- **John Wesley Vines Family** (17 KB)

John Wesley Vines pictured with his wife, Minta Johnson Vines, and children. John Wesley is holding Lida (my grandmother), Dee, Minta is holding May, Anna Belle. Back row: Margaret, Callie and Arthur. Mack and Gena were born later.

- **Anna Belle Vines** (34 KB)

My grandmothers sister, they married twin brothers Millard and Willard Leverett. Lots of double cousins resulted.

Family Tree Maker Reports and Trees

- **Report: Chandler Connections**
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- **Outline Descendant Tree: Descendants of John Chandler**
- **Outline Descendant Tree: Descendants of James Johnstone**
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From: Anita Arean <parean@tampabay.rr.com>
To: Renee Gautier Hague <Yazoooak@aol.com>
Subject: Chandler DNA
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 1:30 pm

Hi Renee,

Just a note to tell you that although the DNA test I had mailed to a Chandler cousin in Simpson Co was never received back at the test lab, I did receive a letter from a cousin in TX who is descended from Edmund H Chandler, a brother to our William B Chandler, father of Harriet mother to Charlie and Mattie. His DNA test matches the group (7) that has paper proof of descent from John Chandler who arrived in Jamestowne VA with the Lord De La Ware(Warr) fleet in 1610. Records indicate that he was 9-10 years old at the time but there is no indication who his parents were. There are also matches with Chandler families in England.

Our TX cousin is Chuck Chandler <cechandler73@hotmail.com> if you are interested you can read about John Chandler on the genforum website.

The Joseph Barron Chandler messages of October are especially enlightening.

My family is doing very well. Best wishes to you and yours and a Happy Holiday Season.

Affectionately, Anita

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TO: ELSIE SAVELL (BDGF98A)
FROM: FRANK BUCKLEY (SRKM23A)
SUBJECT: MS SOUTHEASTERN COS

Hamburg, Ashley Co., AR Nov. 8th, 1862

Dear Children Greene and Matt:

Again I will pen you a few lines which I hope will find you well and doing well. This leaves us in tolerably good health. We received your very kind favor of Oct. 19th yesterday. We were indeed proud to hear from you, for it had been a long time since we had heard from you before. I was sorry to hear of poor Merideth's death. I had heard it before but tried to think it was not so, but your letter confirmed its reality. I was sorry to hear that the children had the whooping cough. At this season of the year it is much worse than in the Spring. The last time we heard from Joshua was the 9th of Oct. Poor Willie is dead. He was wounded on the 17th of Sept. at the Battle of Sharpsburg in Maryland and from thence removed to Jordan Springs in Virginia. There he died on the 3rd of Oct. His wound was in the right thigh. The ball could not be taken out. Also he had the jaundice which made greatly against him. Also, Josh was slightly wounded through the shoulder, though he did not give up for it. Leonard was not in the battle. He was in Richmond at the time. The last I heard of them, they were in camp four miles of Winchester. Josh was with William at the time of his death. I think all such as poor Willie and Merideth are to good to be killed by the Yankees. Oh, how we wish the war would close. Greene, I don't want you to go back any more, for I fear that those of my sons that are there will never be able to return to us again, and as you are out of it, I want you to stay clear for I am distressed enough as it is. You can imagine how it is.

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Matt, you said that you were going to move out of town but did not tell me where you were going; tell me in your next. Also tell me how your mother and Mary are getting along, and tell me all the little things you can think of. I love to hear any and everything that takes place back there. I think the relations stay at home very close there. When you visit them, I know you will miss us there, but just imagine where we are and how glad we would love to see you all again.

I wish you could come to see us. I want Greene to be sure to come as soon as he can if none of the rest can come. It is hard times here, and I fear if the war does not close soon it will be worse, yet I hope the day is not far distant when peace will be made. You said you happened to get salt. Pa got his salt. Counting expenses of wagon, team and driver, it was about \$50.00 or 60\$. He sent to the Salt Works in Louisiana.

I believe I have written all of interest. I want you both to write soon and oftener. I hope Greene will get the Office to which he aspires. Jennie joins us in love to you all. Kiss all the sweet children for me often, give our best wishes and love to your Mother and family. Please excuse all imperfections. We are as in former your kind and devoted parents, and Goodbye to all.

William and Mary CHANDLER.

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